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City of San Jose  
Department of Planning, Building & Code Enforcement  
Attn: John Davidson  
200 East Santa Clara Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
San Jose, CA 95113

Subject: Comments on the Draft Program EIR for the Envision San Jose 2040 General Plan

Dear Mr. Davidson:

The City of Santa Clara Planning Division has reviewed the Draft Program EIR for the Envision San Jose 2040 General Plan, and has no major comments or concerns with the analysis presented.

It is understood that the City of San Jose intends to use a phased approach to implement the Plan, referred to as Horizons or Plan Horizons. It is further understood that the Draft Plan intends to accommodate most new job and housing growth within new Urban Villages and Corridors designated along existing major city transit corridors. Figure 2.2-1 of the Plan indicates that three urban villages are planned along roadways adjacent to the City of Santa Clara's jurisdiction. These villages are referenced as:

- CR30 – The Alameda (West), which is shown to extend along both sides of The Alameda, from Hwy 880 to the city limit line of the City of Santa Clara.
- CR32 (A&B) – Stevens Creek Boulevard, which is shown to extend along the south side of Stevens Creek Boulevard, from Winchester Boulevard on the east, to Lawrence Expressway on the West.
- CR35 – Valley Fair / Santana Row – which adjoins the borders of the City of Santa Clara to the Southwest along Winchester Boulevard, on the north and south sides of Stevens Creek Boulevard.

It is further understood, that per Figure 2.2-34, the Plan designates future growth in the above-identified Urban Villages to occur in the Horizon 3 Phase, the proposed final phase of Plan implementation.

Clarification is requested for the following:

Figure 3.2-5 indicates that a segment of Coleman Avenue extending from Highway 880 northwest to the City of Santa Clara's City limit line would be increased by one or more lanes per direction. The number of proposed travel lanes do not appear to be detailed in Tables 3.2-7 through 3.2-10, where presented for other proposed roadway network changes. Please clarify.

Under Section 3.2.4.5 - Impacts to Adjacent Jurisdictions: Stevens Creek Boulevard and North Winchester Boulevard should be added to the list of City of Santa Clara roadways. Also, please note that the following roadways are mistakenly identified as City of Santa Clara Roadways: North Mathilda Avenue, Crossman Avenue, and East Arques Avenue.

Under Section 3.2.4.5 – Impacts to Adjacent Jurisdictions, and Section 6.3.2 – Cumulative Transportation Impacts: Please consider adding as possible mitigation that, in cooperation with other agencies through the CEQA process, individual projects may mitigate for the adverse impacts of congestion in adjoining agencies through a contribution to planned or programmed roadway improvements approved by the relevant jurisdiction, in order to serve existing, approved and planned-for growth.

Under Section 6.2.1.7 – City of Santa Clara General Plan Update: It is stated “The Santa Clara Station Focus Area is adjacent to the northwestern boundary of a proposed transportation Village (VT3) within San Jose.” Figures 2.2-1 and 2.2-13 identify this area as VT5. Please clarify.

Thank you for considering these comments. Please contact Jeff Schwilk, Associate Planner, at (408) 615-2450, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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